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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

When our phone and internet access rates continued to climb, it was nice to have a local, honest and competitive alternative. While AT&T rates increased, we were able to subscribe to a less costly and more efficient provider. Without healthy competition, rates will increase, service will decrease and innovation will be stifled. Please allow broadband competition to thrive. This will promote increased service levels, lower prices and, ultimately, a stronger and more vibrant broadband industry. Thank you. Sincerely, Brad Sorensen

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